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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of THREE MONTHS to respond to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on May 23, 2002 and is accordingly requested to be extended to August 23, 2002.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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